

WEATHER FORECAST.
Local showers and somewhat lower temperature to-day.

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LARGEST MORNING CIRCULATION.

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ONE CENT.

TWO LOSE LIVES IN THE POTOMAC; OTHERS RESCUED

Boy Swimmer Strikes Rock
and Is Drowned.

SAIL BOAT CAPSIZES

Three Seamen Thrown Overboard, One Drowning.

Fourteen-year-old Joseph Harper
Dives from Wharf and Hits Head
on Stone—Sailors Off Mayflower
Caught in Squall Off Giesboro
Point While Taking Sail, Arthur
Parks Going to Bottom.

The long list of drownings in the Potomac so far this summer was increased yesterday by two, when Joseph Harper, fourteen years old, of 708 Twenty-fourth street northwest, was drowned off a wharf at the foot of Twenty-sixth street northwest, and Arthur Parks, twenty-two years old, a sailor on the U. S. S. Mayflower, lost his life off Giesboro Point when a sailboat capsized. Parks' companions, Charles L. Griffith and Walter Collins were rescued by Charles H. Coe, who was anchored in a boat near the spot.

WENT FOR SWIM.
About 10 o'clock yesterday morning young Harper, in company with about ten boys, went to the wharf for a swim. The water at this point is about thirty feet deep, and a favorite spot on the Washington side of the Potomac.

Harper was demonstrating his skill as a diver when he met his death. The boys had been in the water about an hour when Harper went to the edge of the wharf and called to his companions to "watch this one." He dove into the water and did not arise again. After waiting several minutes the boys became frightened and William Cavanaugh, 702 Twenty-fourth street northwest, and Bernard Burns, of 806 Twenty-second street northwest, jumped into the water and tried to locate him. George Dorcas, a negro, of 233 D street northwest, was fishing near the place where Harper dove into the water, and when he saw something was wrong he drew off his top clothes and jumped overboard. He found the body about twenty minutes later at the bottom of the river, about twenty-five feet from where Harper dove into the water. A wound was found on Harper's head, and it is thought that he hit a rock, rendering him unconscious. The body was removed to the morgue and later prepared for burial by an undertaker.

Caught in Squall.
About 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon Parks, Griffith, and Collins, seamen on the U. S. S. Mayflower, anchored at the navy yard, obtained permission to go out in one of the Mayflower's sailboats. Near Giesboro Point a squall hit the boat, and before they could lower sail the vessel had capsized. Griffith and Collins were expert swimmers, but Parks could not swim. They looked for Parks as soon as they reached the surface, but he was not in sight. Collins dove beneath the boat, thinking he might have been caught under it, but was unable to find him.

Griffith then tried diving, but the water was too deep to reach bottom, and the search was abandoned. Charles H. Coe, of 257 Mills avenue, Langdon, D. C., went to the assistance of Collins and Griffith and pulled them into his boat. The squall lasted a few minutes, and then Coe set out in his boat with the two sailors for the navy yard, where the accident was reported to Ensign Hester L. Spencer, of the Mayflower.

Body Is Recovered.
A launch was ordered out to find the body of Parks. Collins swam the launch in charge of the launch where the boat had capsized, and after grappling for half an hour in company with a launch from the harbor precinct the body was recovered and taken to the navy yard. Coroner Nevitt was notified and gave a certificate of death from drowning and ordered the commander of the navy yard to take charge of the body.

Parks was serving his first enlistment and was from Hightbridge, N. J. His mother was notified last night. A court of inquiry has been ordered for this afternoon at 2 o'clock to inquire into the death of Parks.

FALLS FROM THE SKY.

Aeronaut Hits Front of Street Car,
Causing Panic.

Denver, July 16.—Dropping from a height estimated at between 3,000 and 4,000 feet in a parachute, Wayne Abbott, a Denver aeronaut, landed on the front end of a street car, his feet smashing through the glass of the motorman's vestibule. Forty passengers were badly frightened. One woman fainted and several were bruised in a wild rush to escape from the car. Abbott was severely bruised about the head and shoulders, and it is feared that two of his ribs may be fractured.

\$11.00 Niagara Falls Excursion July 21.
Baltimore and Ohio Route.
Special train leaves Union Station 7:30 a. m. Cheap side trips from Niagara Falls and other stops on returning. Other excursions August 1 and 2, September 4 and 5, October 1 and 2.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Mr. John W. Hunter, a well-known newspaper publisher, has acquired an interest in and has been appointed publisher of The Washington Herald. Mr. Hunter comes to his new position with the prestige of success. He was for years connected with the Detroit News, and later went to the Chicago Journal, where for seven years he had complete charge of the business management of the paper and developed it into a valuable property. He was also with the Chicago Tribune in a similar capacity, leaving that paper to assume the ownership of the Grand Rapids News. After making a success of that paper, he sold it upon advantageous terms, and had planned to enter the field of magazine publishing when his services were secured for The Washington Herald.

He is thoroughly familiar with all the details of newspaper publishing and advertising, his experience having been gained with metropolitan papers, where enterprise and energy are important factors in newspaper development.

TWENTY-ONE DIE IN MINE BLAST AND FIRE DAMP

Accident at Sykesville, Pa.,
in Remote Headings.

RESCUE PARTY AT WORK

Special to The Washington Herald.
Dubois, Pa., July 16.—An explosion in the shaft of the Cascade Coal and Coke Company, at Sykesville, late last night caused the death of twenty-one miners, most of them being killed almost instantly. Among the dead are nine Italians, eight Slavs, one Lithuanian, and three Americans.

Twenty-seven men were at work in the mine at the time, twenty-one of them being in the six, eight, and nine headings, south. This is where the explosion occurred, and whether the twenty-one men were killed by the explosion or died as the result of inhaling the deadly afterdamp is not yet known. A few of the bodies, recovered to-day, show that they were killed by the explosion, but the majority had their dinner pails with them and were making their way toward the main entrance when cut down presumably by the afterdamp. There were two sets of brothers and a father and son among those killed.

No External Disturbance.
There was no external disturbance at the time of the explosion and it was not known that there was any trouble until the safety door of the fan house blew open. It was then realized that something had happened and a rescuing party was immediately formed. The scene of the explosion was over one and one-half miles from the foot of the shaft and took several hours to reach there, as the track had been torn up and the roof caved in.

Six bodies were first found. Later eleven bodies were located, but it was decided not to bring these out until all had been secured. The four bodies not yet recovered are in a heading that has caved in. There is no question, however, but that they are dead.

Mine Inspector Phillips, of Dubois, and Inspector John Byrne, of Punxsutawney, were early on the scene and entered the mine with the rescuing party. It cannot yet be determined what caused the explosion, but it is believed to have been the result of some men striking a pocket of gas. Every man in that section of the mine was killed, there being no survivor to tell the tale.

Party of Six Rescued.
Supt. C. C. Gadd was in Buffalo at the time of the accident and did not arrive until late this afternoon. Six men, who were in the north heading of the shaft, knew that something was wrong when the compressed air failed and they were deafened, but they did not know the extent of the accident until a rescuing party came after them.

There was great curiosity manifested on the part of hundreds in the town and surrounding country, but there was little actual excitement at the scene of the tragedy. Some trouble was encountered in keeping back relatives just after the accident, but the State police took charge and established rigid police lines.

The special rescue car of the Bureau of Mines reached Sykesville from Pittsburgh at 5 o'clock to-day, but was not needed, as all the men in the heading had been killed.

The Cascade Coal and Coke Company is a Buffalo corporation and gives employment to about 300 men. The shaft is 350 feet deep and it is the first time in its history that there has been a serious accident.

WAR FLEET IS BUSY.

Five Vessels Anchor in Gardner's Bay, Long Island.

Greenport, Long Island, N. Y., July 16.—Five ships of the war fleet which is to hold maneuvers at the end of Long Island in the next few days arrived in Gardner's Bay to-night. They dropped anchor in Plum Gut at 7 o'clock. Their identity could not be determined from shore.

The dispatch boat Evaline, which has been here getting larger loads and in position for the fleet, has finished her work and will sail to-morrow for New London.

CHOLERA SPREADS IN ITALIAN CITIES; EPIDEMIC FEARED

Fleet Warned from Voyage
on Mediterranean Sea.

HUNDREDS ARE DYING

The cholera situation in the countries bordering on the Mediterranean Sea is more serious than the general public appreciates. So far, the prevalence of the disease has attracted little public attention, although the officers of the State Department and of the Public Health and Marine Hospital Service have been kept fully advised, and have, on the basis of their official reports, directed that strict quarantine be maintained against vessels arriving in this country from infected ports. Italy has been the principal source of cholera, although the disease has also developed in Egypt and Greece. Most of the cases have occurred in Naples and Palermo.

According to the latest reports received by the Marine Hospital Service, the pres-

ent against sending the battle ships into the Mediterranean on the ground that the proposed cruise would jeopardize the health of the officers and men. Accordingly the itinerary was abandoned and the war vessels sent to British and French ports on the English Channel.

In its official relations with the United States the Italian government has made no effort to conceal the seriousness of the cholera situation. About six weeks ago, when the outbreak occurred at Naples and Palermo, the Italian government formally notified the American Embassy at Rome of the existence of the disease, as is required by the sanitary convention between the United States and Italy.

For patriotic and business reasons the newspapers of Italy have not devoted much attention to the cholera epidemic. Health conditions there have been minimized rather than overdrawn. It is not known here whether the Italian government has deliberately suppressed and prevented the sending abroad of press dispatches about cholera. It is generally believed, however, that the Italian government has used its influence to prevent the exploitation abroad of health conditions in Italy.

While Italy is the principal source of infection of cholera on the shores of the Mediterranean, the disease has also appeared elsewhere. Cases of cholera have been reported from Port Said, Constantinople, Smyrna, and Laurium, which is near Athens. One case has also been discovered at Graz, Austria-Hungary. This patient had previously been at Trieste and Venice and is supposed to have contracted the disease in Italy.

Epidemic Not Feared Here.
Frightened Washingtonians who have been reading dispatches telling of the

LIGHTNING KILLS NAVY OFFICIAL ON GOLF COURSE

Tristan B. Johnson Struck by Bolt Attracted
to Mashie Which He Was Holding
Above His Head.

COMPANION AND CADDY STUNNED

Frank B. Poe and Boy Narrowly Escape Death—Vic-
tim's Clothing Catches Fire and Part of
Shoes Are Torn Off.

In an open stretch of green on the Chevy Chase links, Tristan Burgess Johnson, solicitor of the Navy Department, living at the Marlborough apartments, was struck dead by a bolt of lightning yesterday afternoon.

His golf stick, a mashie, was raised above his left shoulder, and down the strip of wood and metal the bolt traveled, felling him with terrific voltage, setting his clothing on fire in its course to earth. Every nerve in his body was paralyzed.

Clean as the incision of a knife, the lightning cut into his left shoulder, and the discoloration from the burns spread to his face and abdomen. The leather of the upper part of his shoes was torn to shreds and a hole seared in the sole. Portions of his flesh were charred, and the fire from his clothing spread to the grass about him.

KNOCKED TO GROUND.
Trailing twenty-five yards behind him was his companion in the golf game—Frank B. Poe, a real estate dealer, of 202 Hillier place. The force of the lightning, which came at the height of the thunderstorm which passed over the city about 1 o'clock, hurled him to the ground, and his caddy was stunned. Neither was seriously hurt.

Solicitor Johnson had been keeping bachelor quarters with Mr. Poe since their wives and children went to Atlantic City last week. After luncheon they went to the links, and had just completed the ninth hole, near the Tenthymtown road, when they were caught in the storm.

Johnson had just negotiated a splendid stroke, which drove the ball from the ninth hole clear to the green of the tenth, and the mashie was uplifted over his head, when the lightning shot from the skies and knocked him down with great force.

It was some time before Poe and the caddy realized the full extent of the tragedy. When the latter rose from the ground he fell three times before he could recover from the shock. Both cried to Johnson and rushed to his side. Then the caddy ran to the clubhouse with the tidings, and Surgeon General Stokes went to the scene as fast as he could. Johnson had been instantly killed, and the news of the tragedy spread rapidly.

Clothing Catches Fire.
A foursome was coming up the course on the thirteenth hole, which runs parallel to the tenth. One of these players was watching Johnson at the tee. Though he missed his ball, the flash of lightning came and blinded all of them. As they recovered from their daze they saw Johnson's prostrate form, with his clothing on fire and spreading to the dry grass around him.

The players said it seemed at first inconceivable to them that a man waiting on an open field should have been singled out by a bolt. They did not believe when they went toward Johnson that he had been killed, but thought the shock had stunned him more severely than his companions. No one seemed able to grasp the truth of the accident, so sudden and astounding had it been.

The tragedy, when it was at length grasped by all, shattered Poe, and he was unable to see friends throughout the day. The two were intimate friends. Solicitor Johnson, a nephew of Dr. Joseph Taber Johnson, of this city, came to Washington April 1 to accept a position as solicitor in the Navy Department, succeeding Henry M. Butler, of Columbus, Ohio. He was thirty years old. He received his appointment as a reward for his political services as head of the Republicans in the board of aldermen in New York City. Lloyd C. Griscom recommended him for the position. With great enthusiasm Johnson had come to Washington, confident of making a name for himself.

Wives at Seashore.
His wife, with the two young children, went to Atlantic City last week with Mrs. Poe. In their absence Johnson and Poe resolved to hold bachelor quarters, and each day traded news with each other about the letters from their wives, and composed joint epistles telling of the dull, hot days in town. Though the young New Yorker had been in Washington only three months, he made many friends and was popular at the Chevy Chase Club.

He had summer privileges there because his application for membership was pending. There were many Sunday golfers on the links when the tragedy came. Little worry was had about the storm, and the last thing thought of was danger from lightning.

Gloom enshrouded the club when the accident became known. Matches had been arranged for the afternoon and players had begun to start out on the course, but all play was abandoned when the news reached the clubhouse. A wagon was sent down to bring Johnson's body back, and persons who were standing around with their clubs and caddies in readiness went to the scene of the accident. Several government scientists were at the club. None of these

could provide a theory for the accident which the others would accept. One said that Johnson held an iron club over his left shoulder and that this attracted the bolt. It was pointed out that Johnson was standing more than eighty feet from the nearest tree. Another said that, although in the case of human beings such fatalities are exceedingly rare, cows standing in open fields had often been struck by lightning and that the heat of their bodies was supposed to attract electricity to them.

One feature of the accident that caused comment was the fact that President Taft is seen on the Chevy Chase links on almost every week-day. Had the tragedy occurred on any day but Sunday, he would undoubtedly have been playing on the course, and subjected to the same danger.

Coming Home To-day.
Johnson's body was taken to Gawler's undertaking rooms, and from there removed to the home of Mr. Poe in Hillier place. Lieut. W. L. Prior, of the Bureau of Ordnance, went to Atlantic City last night to notify Mrs. Johnson of the accident. It is expected she will return with her two children to-day.

Johnson's father is J. Augustus Johnson, a lawyer, of New York City, and is now at a summer resort in Pennsylvania. Besides his uncle, Dr. J. Taber Johnson, he is survived by three cousins in Washington—Bascom Johnson, Dr. Loren Johnson, and Miss Margaret Johnson.

**WOMAN SEATED ON PORCH
STUNNED BY LIGHTNING.**

While seated on the piazza of her residence, 507 Fourteenth street northwest, yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Samuel R. Sharf was stunned by the force of a bolt of lightning which struck the new schoolhouse in course of construction near by. For more than five minutes she was dazed and unable to call for help. The bolt cut a big slice of brick out of the northeast corner of the school, and the resultant jar threw Mrs. Sharf to the floor and toppled the chair upon her. Her first thought was that she had been paralyzed. Beyond a nervous attack she suffered no ill effects, and was resting easily last night.

GIRL IN LONG SWIM.

Three and a Half Miles in Hour
Thirty-six Minutes.

Newport, R. I., July 15.—Miss Constance Warren, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Warren, of New York, last summer when she swam from Bailey's Beach to the Forty Steps, on the Newport cliffs, in one hour and fifty-six minutes, established a new record, but to-day she beat this record by twenty minutes.

Swimming Master Joseph Boyer, of the beach, and one of the life guards accompanied her in a boat. She went into the water at 2:45 and it was just 4:30 when she reached a point abreast of the steps, which are three and one-half miles from the starting point.

\$1.00 Hargrove Ferry, Martinsburg, 8:30.
Backley Springs, 8:00 Cumberland and return July 23. Martinsburg and Ohio Railroad.
Special train leaves Union Station at 8:15 a. m.

TURN ABOUT IS FAIR PLAY.



SAVED A MILE FROM SHORE.

Steamboat Picks Up Two Swimmers
from Upset Canoe.

Atlantic Highlands, N. J., July 16.—Edward R. Warnick, of New York, and James Collins, of Newark, were rescued from drowning last evening by the steamboat Asbury Park, of the Sandy Hook route, when the boat was a mile from the dock here.

The men, who are twenty-two and twenty-eight years old, respectively, left their camp here this afternoon in a twenty-eight-foot canoe, using paddles and a small log of mutton sail. Suddenly a puff of wind caught the sheet tight and capsized the craft. They swam to the canoe and started to climb on top and wait until they were rescued.

After half an hour they left the canoe and swam for the shore, which was about a mile and a half distant. They had covered a third of the distance when the Asbury Park picked them up.

ent outbreak dates from June 8 last. Since then there have been a total of 215 cases and 65 deaths in Naples. In the rest of Continental Italy, 374 cases and 118 deaths have occurred. At Palermo there were 382 cases and 76 fatalities. Messina is free from the disease. The remainder of Sicily has had 27 cases and 11 deaths.

Fleet Seared Away.
The disease was also prevalent in Italy last summer, and caused the abandonment of the proposed cruise of the Atlantic battle-ship fleet to Mediterranean ports. In the fall of 1910, when the officers of the Navy Department were consulting on the detailed itinerary for the battle ship cruise, newspaper dispatches were received in this country reporting the prevalence of cholera at several of the Italian ports to which it was intended to send the war vessels.

By direction of Secretary of the Navy Meyer, Surg. Gen. Charles F. Stokes investigated the situation and recommended that the fleet be seared away.

POLICE GUARD FRUIT AGAINST DEADLY GERMS

Law Compelling Covering for Edibles on Street Stands
Is Enforced by Patrolmen of Washington.

Every effort is being made by the police and health departments of the District to bring about the prosecution of fruit vendors, hucksters, and storekeepers who fail to take proper precautions to protect their produce from the dust and insects.

Many persons have commented upon the existing conditions, declaring that the edibles of Italian fruit stands are uncovered and exposed to the jutting germs. It was thought by some that there was a laxity upon the part of the authorities in enforcing the law, but Dr. Henry F. Sawtelle, of the health department, said last night that many prosecutions are being made daily.

"The law requires merchants," said Dr. Sawtelle, "to keep under cover all kinds of berries and fruits which do not require the removal of the skin for eating,

and edibles which do not need washing before using as food. There are frequent violations, however, but the police are ever vigilant, and hardly a day goes by but what several offenders are arraigned in the Police Court.

"The violators of the regulation seem to be totally oblivious of the possible evil to which they are thus subjecting their patrons. The enforcement of the law in summer is an important consideration, as there are so many germ-carrying flies ready to inject their poison into the food if they are not given a chance."

"During the berry season there was an unusually large number of prosecutions, as that product is the one most to be guarded. Regardless of the cases brought before the court, violations will continue, but the authorities are on the alert and are determined to bring the guilty to the bar of justice."

FEET OF WOMEN GROWING LARGER

Boston, July 15.—Women's feet are growing larger. That dainty foot that once graced a No. 2 shoe has now become vanished. Long have women been aware that they were slowly losing one of their chief charms, but they have carefully guarded this intelligence as a deep secret. Now the secret is out.

This distressing information about the growing size of women's feet has not been disseminated by the human anatomist, nor even by the chiropodist, but by the shoe manufacturers and dealers, who are holding their fifth national fair in Boston.

"Feet are our specialty, and women's feet are the cause of our tribulations," said M. B. Merrill, a Detroit dealer. "For years we have had to wrestle with the problem of fitting shoes to women's feet. The women of this generation have larger feet than the women of the last. Yet in spite of this fact the woman of to-day wishes to follow the standard in sizes of the past generation."

"The only way that I can account for the growing size of the feet of women of the aristocracy is their increasing tendency to take up athletics. When they wear comfortable footwear for some time, such as is the case in athletics, they find trouble in getting back into their tight shoes."

Second Auto Victim Dies.
Concord, N. H., July 15.—Albert E. Davies died to-day from injuries received in the automobile accident in which Dr. Ralph E. Gallinger, son of Senator Gallinger, was killed last Wednesday.